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Arrest Made in Home Invasion Robbery where Elderly Woman was Injured

Riverside, CA – On 9-12-12, at about 1130 hours, a 9-1-1 call was received from a residence in the 4200 block of Eileen in the City of Riverside, reporting that a suspect had just broken into the residence and assaulted an 86-year-old woman and then ransacked the residence looking for valuables to steal. The woman was knocked unconscious by the suspect and seriously injured.

While the residence was being ransacked, a relative arrived and upon entering, the suspect(s) fled out the rear and into the neighborhood. Patrol officers responded and an extensive search was conducted in the neighborhood for the suspect(s). No arrests were immediately made. The woman was transported to a local hospital for treatment. She remains hospitalized in serious condition.

Detectives from the Robbery/Homicide Unit and technicians from the Forensic Unit responded. While investigating the home invasion robbery, it was discovered that several hours later a residence in the 4200 block of Canterbury had also been burglarized. The investigation showed the two crimes were in fact linked and committed by the same person.

During the course of this investigation, Robbery/Homicide detectives were assisted by personnel from the Police and Corrections Team (PACT), Metro (SWAT), Crime Analysis, NPC Central detectives, Patrol Officers and the Air Unit.

Through their investigation, Detectives became aware of **Jose Rafael Cardenas**, 23, of Riverside. He was confirmed through fingerprints and other physical evidence as the person who committed both crimes. At about 1400 hours today, Cardenas was arrested without incident near his home after a short slow speed vehicle pursuit. He will be booked on a variety of charges related to these two crimes at the Robert Presley Detention Center after detectives finishing interviewing and processing him.

Detectives continue to investigate and urge anyone with additional information on this crime to contact Detective Mike Medici at (951) 353-7104.

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